

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning on page 2, line 21, is being amended as follows:

To solve the problems in a case where a three-dimensional metallic porous body of the type described above is used as an electrode base material, Patent Document 1 (Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication ~~JP-9-25991,A~~ JP-9-265991,A (1997)) proposes that a base material with metallic fibers are attached on upper and lower portions of a metal sheet is used for an electric collector. Patent Document 2 (Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication JP-10-106580,A (1998)) proposes a manufacturing method in which a metal sheet for a base material is applied with a depressing pressure in an embossing process to provide burrs on individual apexes of concave and convex portions. Patent Document 3 (Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication JP-9-7603,A (1997)) proposes usage of a base material formed of a corrugated metal sheet.